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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 896

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SF, WA, SHUM
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: RAISING DETAINEE ISSUE WITH SAG

1. UK AMBASSADOR SCOTT TOLD THE CAPE TOWN FIVE TODAY,
MAY 3, THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A CABLE FROM UKUN REQUESTING
HIS VIEWS ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF RAISING WITH THE SAG
THE DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY THE RECENT DETENTIONS UNDER AG 26
OF SWAPO LEADERS IN NAMIBIA. THE CABLE ASKED WHETHER THIS
COULD BE DONE IN A WAY WHICH WOULD AVOID THE SOUTH AFRICAN
REJOINDER THAT SERIOUS SECURITY PROBLEMS WERE BUILDING IN
NAMIBIA AND THEY COULD NOT SIMPLY BE IGNORED.

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2. SCOTT SAID HE WOULD BE SENDING A REPLY ALONG THE
FOLLOWING LINES: WE CANNOT AVOID A SAG PLEA THAT THE
SECURITY SITUATION REQUIRES ACTION; WE SHOULD MAKE CLEAR
TO THE SAG THE DAMAGE DONE BY THE DETENTIONS, ESPECIALLY
BECAUSE OF THEIR ONE-SIDED APPLICATION TO SWAPO LEADERS
ONLY, DESPITE PREVIOUS ASSURANCES WE HAD BEEN GIVEN THAT

ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAW WOULD BE EVEN-HANDED; WE SHOULD
NOTE THE HARM DONE TO STEYN, WHOSE ROLE IS EXTREMELY
IMPORTANT AND WHOSE REPUTATION MUST BE PROTECTED; WE MIGHT
SUGGEST THE SITUATION COULD AT LEAST BE IMPROVED IF
STEYN WERE TO ANNOUNCE THAT EACH CASE WAS BEING INVESTIGATED
AND, IF RELEASE IS NOT CONSIDERED FEASIBLE AT PRESENT,
ALL WILL NATURALLY BE FREED IN ACCORD WITH THE PROVISIONS
OF THE WESTERN PROPOSAL UPON ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

3. IF THE CONTACT GROUP DECIDES TO PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER,
IT MIGHT ALSO CONSIDER WHETHER THIS WOULD BE A
SUITABLE CONTEXT IN WHICH TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO THE
HELPFUL AFFECT OF THE RELEASE OR AT LEAST TRANSFER TO
NAMIBIA OF OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS (STATE 112311).
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